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SUBJ: PRODUCT OPPORTUNITY: PATROL BOAT INQUIRY

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1. ACCORDING TO DAO NAVAL ATTACHE, MEXICAN NAVY TWO YEARS AGO HAD BRITISH FIRM DESIGN AZTECA CLASS PATROL CRAFT TO FIT MEXICAN SPECIFICATIONS. MEXICAN NAVY OWNS PLANS AND DESIGN RIGHTS FOR THE "AZTECA." FIRST THREE OF 21 TO BE BUILT IN ENGLAND ARE REPORTEDLY NOW READY SLR DELIVERY, AND MEXICAN ESCORT CRAFT HAS DEPARTED MEXICO FOR ENGLAND. SUBSEQUENT CONSTRUCTION TO COMPLETE FLEET OF UP TO 70 AZTECAS TO BE UNDERTAKEN IN MEXICO.

2. EMBASSY IS UNAWARE OF ANY INTENTIONS BY MEXICAN NAVY, MILITARY OR CIVILIAN DEPARTMENTS, TO ACQUIRE SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF NEW PATROL CRAFT. MEXICAN NAVY SAYS AZTECA CLASS WILL FILL ALL THEIR NEEDS.
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